REMARKS

RESTRICTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office action requires an election of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Group I includes

claims 1-24. Group II includes claims 25-31. Claims 1-31 have been canceled. Therefore, the

restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C § 103

<u>CLAIMS 1-3 AND 10</u>

Claims 1-3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

U.S. Patent No. 6,269,402 issued to Lin et al. (Lin) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No.

2002/0116501 attributed to Ho et al. (Ho). Claims 1-3 and 10 have been canceled. Therefore,

the rejection of these claims is moot.

<u>Claim 4</u>

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Ho and

further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0053694 attributed to Igarashi et al.

(Igarashi). Claim 4 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of this claim is moot.

CLAIMS 5-9

Claims 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin, Ho

and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0012149 attributed to Maggenti et al. (Maggenti) and

further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,266 issued to Murphy, Jr. et al. (Murphy). Claims 5-9

have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

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CLAIMS 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, AND 23-24

Claims 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Lin and Ho and further in view of Maggenti. Claims 11-13, 16-18, 20-21, and

23-24 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

CLAIMS 14 AND 15

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin,

Ho and Maggenti and further in view of Igarashi. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled.

Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot.

<u>CLAIMS 19 AND 22</u>

Claims 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin,

Ho and Maggenti in view of Murphy. Claims 19 and 22 have been canceled. Therefore, the

rejection of these claims is moot.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 32-58 are added herein. Claims 32-58 each contain new limitations not found in

the previously rejected claims 1-24. Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejections above are

not applicable to claims 32-58. Applicant submits that each of claims 32-58 contains at least one

limitation that is not taught or disclosed in the cited references above. Therefore, Applicant

respectfully submits that claims 32-58 are not obvious in view of the cited references.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 32-58 contain allowable

subject matter and are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would

further the examination of the present application.

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